

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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EMPLOYMENT GENERATION IN ARMED FORCES
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of employment opportunities generated in the Defence Services during the last three years;
- (b) the percentage of employment opportunities generated in Jammu and Kashmir;
- (c) whether the Defence Services have not achieved the desired success in attracting the youths of Kashmir Divisions; and
- (d) if so, the action plan formulated to generate employment opportunities in the Armed Forces and to make it more popular?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) Significant employment opportunities have been generated in the Defence Services during the last three years. 1,57,942 number of personnel have been recruited during the last three years in Defence Services.

(b) No such data is maintained by the Government.

(c) & (d): Frequent recruitment rallies have been conducted every year in Jammu and Kashmir to attract the youth from the Valley. Although, representation from the J&K has been comparatively less due to inadequate response from the candidates, the same is constantly increasing due to special publicity/recruitment drives launched in the valley during the preceding years. Adequate publicity through advertisement in leading national/regional newspapers/motivational lectures / media / NCC activities is given to create awareness among the youth to motivate them to join the Armed Forces.